

**Lancaster Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022
6:30pm**

Attendees: Karen Foerstel, Terrie Finger, Marianne Heckles, Paula Miller, Sasha Shand, Ben Webber, Mike Witmer

Meeting Called to Order: 6:37pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Demolition Permit for Wheatland Presbyterian Church

Wheatland Presbyterian Church has been working to develop a master plan for their property. The church owns 1125, 1135, and 1137 Columbia Avenue. The church would maintain pedestrian access off of President Avenue, but the main vehicular access would be via a new driveway off of Columbia Avenue between 1135 and 1137 Columbia. In order to accommodate the new driveway, new parking lot, and additional fellowship hall space, the church would like to remove two accessory structures (garages) behind 1135 and 1137 Columbia Avenue.

Motion to approve the proposal to remove the two accessory structures at 1135 and 1137 Columbia Avenue was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Historic Marker Program

Shenks Ferry marker has been cast in bronze, the stone for mounting has been selected and it will be installed within the next week or two.

Once the stone is set and the plaque is affixed, an unveiling event will be planned and will be announced in the news.

This is the first of what we hope will be an ongoing process of identifying historic sites in the Township deserving of a marker. No formal application process has been established for this application process, but the formalization of this process is a goal of the Commission.

Abbeyville/Meadowcreek Cemetery and Mennonite Church Marker

Mike shared a draft of proposed language for the Abbeyville Road/Meadowcreek Lane historical marker. "Ca." will be added before 1750 and Mike will check with Mennonite Life to ensure that the claim of this being the first Mennonite meeting house of worship in Lancaster County is accurate according to existing historical record. Additional edits will be made to clarify the Mennonite community's efforts during the American Revolution.

PennDOT Request Regarding 1996 Millersville Road

PennDOT is looking to know whether 1996 Millersville Road is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not currently included in our historic resource inventory and we are not aware of any specific historic properties which would qualify it for inclusion in the National Register.

Township Appreciation Dinner

Ben encouraged everyone to attend the dinner on October 12, at which a special announcement will be made regarding the work of the Historical Commission.

Confirming/Revising 2023 Historical Commission Meeting Schedule

The meeting dates for 2023 will be as follows:

- February 6, 2023
- April 3, 2023
- June 5, 2023
- August 7, 2023
- October 2, 2023
- December 4, 2023

Meeting was Adjourned at: 7:54pm